

ROBERT BORDEN

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July 2016 to current: Legal Counsel, Office of the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives
Chief counsel to the Office of the Clerk – a 200-person non-partisan office responsible for the legislative operations of the House.

December 2015 to July 2016: Senior Advisor, Select Committee on Benghazi, U.S. House of Representatives, *Chairman Trey Gowdy*

Supervised eight-person investigative team

- Managed the drafting of the committee's final report.
- Developed committee's recommendations on compliance with congressional oversight.
- Negotiated with White House, Departments of Defense and State, and CIA over access to witnesses and documents.

March 2013 to December 2015: Director of Oversight, Speaker Boehner and Majority Leaders Eric Cantor and Kevin McCarthy, U.S. House of Representatives

Developed oversight priorities for House leadership. Worked with the senior staff of all House committees to coordinate and promote oversight and investigative activities.

- Coordinated Affordable Care Act oversight by House Committees including Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means and Education and the Workforce.
- Coordinated Ways & Means and Oversight & Government Reform investigation of the IRS targeting scandal.
- Increased from one to five the number of committees with staff deposition authority; doubled the number of committees with chairmen's subpoena authority.

August 2009 to March 2013: General Counsel, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives, *Chairman Darrell Issa*

Responsible for the legislative agenda as well as committee, floor and investigative procedures. Principle contact with House leadership staff. Advised Members on legal and ethics matters.

Supervised legislative operations including committee clerks and parliamentarian.

- Managed policy team responsible for the committee's legislative agenda including: federal contracting, civil service, Postal Service, District of Columbia, and FOIA.
- Defeated efforts to 'bailout' Postal Service with pension 'overpayments' and led negotiations on postal reform.
- Led successful efforts to pass whistle blower reforms stalled since the mid-2000s.
- Developed legislative strategy that defunded Acorn.

March 2006 to August 2009: General Counsel, Committee on Education and the Workforce, U.S. House of Representatives, *Chairman 'Buck' McKeon*

Responsible for committee and floor procedures and oversaw legislative drafting. Directed committee oversight activities. Supervised committee legislative operations.

- Led Republican participation in the investigation of the Crandall Canyon mine collapse.
- Supervised four-person parliamentary team responsible for legislative operations.
- Managed Republican amendment strategy during 24-hour long Affordable Care Act mark-up.

April 2003 to March 2006: Senior Counsel and Parliamentarian, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives, *Chairman Tom Davis*

Advised Members on House and committee rules and investigative procedures. Supervised committee legislative operations and drafted legislation in coordination with policy staff.

Coordinated with leadership on the scheduling and consideration of committee bills.

- Developed jurisdictional strategy on 9/11 Commission recommendation related to drivers' license security standards leading to passage of the REAL ID Act.
- Worked with House Armed Services to include procurement and civil service reforms in the National Defense Authorization Act.
- Special Counsel to Select Committee on Hurricane Katrina, investigated federal, state and local responses and led team of six attorneys in citation review of final report.

March 2001 to April 2003: Counsel, Committee on the Budget, U.S. House of Representatives, *Chairman Jim Nussle*

Responsible for review of pending legislation and enforcement of budget rules. Advised Members on procedures in committee and on the House floor. Wrote weekly budget updates and special legislative updates. Drafted budget reform legislation.

- Parliamentarian for committee, floor, conference and final adoption of three budget resolutions.
- Wrote paper on the budgetary treatment and implications of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act.

January 1995 to March 2001: Professional Staff Member, Committee on Education and the Workforce, U.S. House of Representatives, *Chairmen Bill Goodling and John Boehner*

Policy professional responsible for employment issues including FMLA, FLSA, OSHA, and MSHA (1999-2001). Parliamentarian responsible for committee and floor procedures (1995-1998).

- Lead committee staffer on repeal of OSHA's ergonomics rule.
- Worked with hospitals and health care workers to craft compromise leading to passage of the Needlestick Safety Act.
- Parliamentarian for the investigation of the contested 1996 election of Teamster President Ron Carey.
- Streamlined legislative operations successfully handling duties previously performed by three staff.

Education

Juris Doctor, American University, Washington, DC, 1994

Bachelor of Arts, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 1991

Member of the Virginia State Bar

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